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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 956, Drug Free Communities Act, under suspension of the rules.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4925-S5021

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and one resolution were introduced as follows: S. 779-798 and S. Con. Res. 28. Pages S5001-02

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 57, to support the commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, with amendments.

S. 610, to implement the obligations of the United States under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, known as "the Chemical Weapons Convention" and opened for signature and signed by the United States on January 13, 1993, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 768, for the relief of Michel Christopher Meili, Giuseppina Meili, Mirjam Naomi Meili, and Davide Meili. Page S5001

Concurrent Budget Resolution: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 27, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States government for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S4925-43, S4944-94

Adopted:

Lautenberg (for Boxer) Amendment No. 355, to express the sense of the Senate regarding tax cut benefits. Pages S4926, S4935, S4992-93

Bond Modified Amendment No. 324, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the protection of children's health. Pages S4926, S4959-62, S4985-86

Lautenberg (for Dodd) Amendment No. 335, to ensure that the concurrent resolution conforms with the bipartisan budget agreement to restrict revenue reductions over a the ten-year period. Pages S4926, S4981-82

McCain Modified Amendment No. 328, to express the sense of the Senate that the revenues generated to finance an intercity passenger rail fund under section 207 should not be appropriated before enactment of legislation to reauthorize and reform the National Rail Passenger Corporation. Pages S4926, S4982-84

By 83 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 84), Gramm Modified Amendment No. 320, to ensure that the 4.3 cents Federal gas tax increase enacted in 1993 will be transferred to the Highway Trust Fund. Pages S4926, S4963-64, S4986-87

Lautenberg (for Byrd) Modified Amendment No. 353, to expand opportunities to access funding in the Highway Reserve Fund. Pages S4926, S4989

Lautenberg (for Biden) Amendment No. 354, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the extension of the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund through fiscal year 2002. Pages S4926, S4989-90

Lautenberg (for Kohl/Kerry) Modified Amendment No. 352, to express the sense of the Senate on early childhood education. Pages S4926, S4990-91

Hollings Modified Amendment No. 302, to express the sense of the Senate that the Highway Trust Fund should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States. Pages S4925, S4991

Hollings Modified Amendment No. 303, to express the sense of the Senate that the Airport and Airway Trust Fund should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States. Pages S4925, S4991

Hollings Modified Amendment No. 304, to express the sense of the Senate that the Military Retirement Trust Funds should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States. Pages S4925, S4991

Hollings Modified Amendment No. 305, to express the sense of the Senate that the Civil Service

Retirement Trust Fund should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States. **Pages S4925, S4991**

Hollings Modified Amendment No. 306, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States. **Pages S4925, 4991**

Bond Modified Amendment No. 325, to express the sense of the Senate concerning the Highway Trust Fund. **Pages S4926, S4991**

Faircloth Modified Amendment No. 321, to express the sense of the Senate that a non-refundable tax credit for the expenses of an education at a 2-year college should be enacted. **Pages S4926, S4992**

Domenici (for Kyl) Modified Amendment No. 348, to express the sense of the Senate that the budget resolution agreement does not foreclose the possibility of Congress adopting additional tax cuts in the future, so long as they are paid for. **Pages S4926, S4992**

Rejected:

Moseley-Braun Amendment No. 336, to provide \$5 billion for school repair, renovation, modernization, and construction priorities, offset by closing tax loopholes. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 79), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4926-36, S4935-38**

Warner/Baucus Amendment No. 311, to ensure that transportation revenues are used solely for transportation. (By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 80), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4926, S4945-49**

Bumpers Amendment No. 331, to ensure that the medicare cuts that will be enacted are not used to pay tax cuts and that instead the tax cuts are completely paid for by the closure of tax loopholes. (By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4926, S4956, S4984-85**

Bumpers Amendment No. 330, to delay the effectiveness of the tax cuts assumed in the Budget Resolution until the Federal budget is balanced. (By 81 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 82), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4926, S4956-59, S4985**

Inhofe Amendment No. 301, to create a point of order against any budget resolution for fiscal years after 2001 that causes a unified budget deficit for the budget year or any of the 4 fiscal years following the budget year. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 85), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4925, S4980-81, S4987-88**

Pending:

Kerry Amendment No. 309, to allocate funds for early childhood development programs for children ages zero to six. **Pages S4926, S4951-56**

Dorgan Amendment No. 310, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress should continue ef-

forts to reduce the on-budget deficit without counting social security surpluses. **Page S4926**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 313, to provide for increases in funding for Headstart and Earlystart, child nutrition programs, and school construction, which will be paid for by reducing tax benefits to the top 2 percent of income earners in the United States as well as by reducing tax benefits that are characterized as corporate welfare or tax loopholes. **Pages S4926, S4973-77**

Wellstone Amendment No. 314, to provide that Pell Grants for needy students should be increased. **Pages S4926, S4977-80**

Abraham Amendment No. 316, to express the sense of the Senate that, to the extent that future revenues exceed the revenue aggregates, those additional revenues should be reserved for deficit reduction and tax cuts only. **Pages S4926, S4988-89**

Gramm Amendment No. 319, to ensure that the discretionary limits provided in the budget resolution shall apply in all years. **Page S4926**

McCain/Hollings Amendment No. 326, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress shall take such steps as necessary to reconcile the difference between actual revenues raised and estimates made and shall reduce spending accordingly if Spectrum Auctions raise less revenue than projected. **Page S4926**

McCain/Mack Amendment No. 327, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to certain highway demonstration projects. **Page S4926**

Lautenberg (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 333, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of budget savings. **Page S4926**

Lautenberg (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 334, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the value of the social security system for future retirees. **Page S4926**

Specter Amendment No. 338, to provide for a reduction in mandatory spending and an increase in discretionary spending relating to children's health. **Page S4926**

Specter Amendment No. 339, to provide for a reduction in mandatory spending and an increase in discretionary spending relating to children's health. **Page S4926**

Specter Amendment No. 340, to restore funding within the discretionary health function to maintain progress in medical research, offset by reductions in Federal agency administrative costs. **Pages S4926, S4962-63, S4964-68**

Domenici (for Grams) Amendment No. 346, to require that the \$225 billion CBO revenue receipt windfall be used to for deficit reduction and tax relief, and that non-defense discretionary spending be kept at a freeze baseline level. **Page S4926**

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 347, to provide for parental involvement in prevention of drug use by children. **Page S4926**

Domenici (for Snowe/Coverdell) Amendment No. 349, to express the sense of the Senate relative to higher education tax relief and higher education expenses. **Page S4926**

Withdrawn:

Bumpers Amendment No. 332, to express the sense of the Senate that no budget reconciliation bill shall increase the Federal deficit.

Pages S4926, S4958, S4969–73

Ashcroft Amendment No. 323, to limit increases in the statutory limit on the debt to the levels in the budget resolution. **Pages S4926, S4973, S4987**

Murray/Wellstone Amendment No. 291, to express the sense of the Congress concerning domestic violence. **Pages S4925, S4989**

Lautenberg (for Harkin) Amendment No. 350, to express the sense of the Senate supporting an increase in funding for defense 050 account funds dedicated for medical research. **Pages S4926, S4989**

Lautenberg (for Harkin/Bingaman) Amendment No. 351, to reduce the incentives to use tax gimmicks that artificially increase revenues in 2002 in ways that make balancing the deficit more difficult after 2002. **Page S4926, S4989**

Robb Amendment No. 356, to express the sense of the Senate on social security and retirement savings. **Pages S4926, S4989**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 41 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 83), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Ashcroft Amendment No. 322, to add enforcement mechanisms to reflect the stated commitment to reach a balanced budget in 2002, to maintain a balanced budget thereafter, and to achieve these goals without raising taxes. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S4986**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution and amendments pending thereto, on Friday, May 23, 1997, with a final vote to occur thereon. **Page S5021**

Appointments:

North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Hatch as a member of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the First Session of the

105th Congress, to be held in Luxembourg, May 28–June 1, 1997. **Page S5021**

North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Biden as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 105th Congress. **Page S5021**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth S. Apfel, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2001.

Stanley O. Roth, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Marc Grossman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

John Christian Kornblum, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

David J. Scheffer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues. **Page S5021**

Messages From the House: **Page S5000**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—85) **Pages S4937–38, S4949, S4985–88**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 23, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5021.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international affairs, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.